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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the telephone Restriction Requirement initiated by the Examiner on September 16, 2002 in the above identified application.

Applicants herewith submit their election in response to the Restriction Requirement, as well as submitting a second preliminary amendment, limited to Claim 41. Kindly enter the election to the Restriction Requirement and amend the application as follows. A "version with markings to show changes made" can be found in "Appendix A" on pages 5-6 of this paper.

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